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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

for the Fifth (YES, FIFTH!) Annual



FIRST Buckeye Regional Robotics Competition

March 9-11, 2006

WOLSTEIN CENTER, CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY



The FIRST Robotics competition is a national engineering contest where students and engineers work together to brainstorm, design, construct, and compete with their "champion robot." It is the ultimate high technology, no-holds-barred sporting event – and a lot of fun for participants and spectators. In 2006, the competition will reach more than 25,000 students on over 1,000 teams in 33 regional competitions. Fifty teams of high school students from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, – and even Texas! – are expected to participate in the 2006 FIRST Buckeye Regional competition at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center.

Both technical and non-technical volunteers are needed! Some volunteer positions require a technical background, but a great many do not. All are welcome! FIRST requires that all volunteers (even those who have volunteered for FIRST in previous years) register online through the US FIRST Volunteer Information Management System (VIMS) and attend a 1-1/2 hour on-site orientation meeting on the evening of Wednesday, March 8. March 9 (team check-in, practice rounds), 10, and 11(show days) are event days.

For more information about the FIRST Robotics competition, visit the FIRST website at http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/index.html. To learn more about the 2006 FIRST Buckeye Regional competition, visit the event website at http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/OEP/first/regional/index.htm/

The northeast Ohio volunteer coordinator for the FIRST Buckeye Regional is Debi Daugherty, (216) 916-6430 (phone) or Debi.Daugherty@ideastream.org (e-mail).

Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Awards Assistant
- Crowd/Traffic Control
- Field Assembly/ Disassembly
- Judge Assistant
- Pit Administrative Support
- Pit Announcer
- Real-Time Scorekeeper
- Referee
- Robot Inspector*
- Safety Advisor*
- Spare Parts Attendant*
- Team Queuing
- VIP, Media and Information Assistant
- Volunteer Registration and Information Assistant
- Website Judge

Position descriptions are available at the FIRST Buckeye website, http://www.grc.nasa.gov/ WWW/OEP/first/regional /volunteers.htm.

* Technical experience required.

PLEASE NOTE:

Because it is extremely difficult to train volunteers during the actual event, volunteers will optimally be able to work all three days of the competition. However, we understand that this may not be possible. The minimum time commitment requested is one event day.